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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. NEA, EB, PM AND H DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.-

IO - LEWIS

, ELECTION OF A UN SECRETARY GENERAL -

FROM SOME CONVERSATIONS I HAD TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF WALDHEIM'S STAFF, I GATHER THAT WALDHEIM IS GETTING INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF HIS RE-ELECTION.

WALSHEIM'S HOPE THAT ECHEVERRIA WOULD WITHDRAW HAS FOUNDERED WITH ECHEVERRIA'S FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY OF HIS CANDIDACY. SPECULATION IS NOW THAT ECHEVERRIA WILL APPEAR IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY TO APPEAL PUBLICLY FOR THIRD WORLD SUPPORT AND THAT THE CHINESE WILL VETO WALDHEIM ON THE FIRST BALLOT AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY, BUT WOULD THEN ACQUIESCE ON THE SECOND CONFIDENTIAL

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BALLOT.

I SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOCUS HIS ATTENTION ON THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RATHER THAN ON THE OVERALL THIRD WORLD MEMBERSHIP. ASIDE FROM PANAMA AND GUYANA, NO ONE ELSE HAS DECLARED FOR ECHEVERRIA.

2. UNDOF MANDATE RENEWAL -

THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY EXTENDED THE UNDOF MANDATE FOR SIX MONTHS. THE VOTE WAS 12-0-0 WITH CHINA, LIBYA AND BENIN NOT PARTICIPATING.

THE SOVIET DELEGATE MADE AN UNREMARKABLE STATEMENT CRITICIZING STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY AND CALLING FOR AN EARLY GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PLO PARTICIPATION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND WITH EQUAL RIGHTS.

3. SOVIETS STRONGLY CRITICIZE US POLICY IN MICRONESIA -

DURING PLENARY DISCUSSION OF DECOLONIZATION QUESTIONS THE SOVIET UNION DELIVERED A STRONGLY WORDED ATTACK ON UNITED STATES POLICY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (MICRONESIA). THEY WERE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF FRAGMENTING THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A NEW COLONIAL HOLDING. WE WILL BE MAKING A STATEMENT IN RIGHT OF REPLY.

4. ACTION MESSAGE ON CRITICAL ISSUES:

NOV 29 GUAM ITEM AT UNGA: SELECTED POSTS ALL EUR AND ARA REQUESTED TO TAKE UP GUAM QUESTION DIPLOMATIC WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO POSTS; 48 PLENARY VOTE. OTHERS WORLD-

WIDE.

ARA - BRAY, ACTING

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VENEZUELA/OPEC--CHARLIE BRAY ACCOMPANIED THE AMBASSADORS OF VENEZUELA AND SURINAM AS THEY PRESENTED THEIR CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT. IN DISCUSSION WITH THE VENEZUELAN, THE PRESIDENT RAISED THE MATTER OF HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ ON THE OIL PRICE ISSUE, ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO TAKE NOTE OF HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE ISSUE AND SUGGESTED THAT HE MIYHT WANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AT GREATER LENGTH WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

CENTRAL AMERICA -- JOE GRUNWALD HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR THE ECONOMIC COUNSELORS FROM THE FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN EMBASSIES REPRESENTING THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMON MARKET THEY FELT THAT, WHILE WE GIVE LIP SERVICE TO SUPPORTING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, SOME US POLICIES, IN EFFECT, HINDER IT. IN PARTICULAR, THEY POINT TO THE 1974 US TRADE ACT PROVISIONS REGARDING GSP RULES OF ORIGIN AND "COMPETITIVE NEED". ALSO, THEY CLAIM NOT TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN OUR TRADE RELATIONSHIPS TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN GENERAL AND TO THE SMALL CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR. AT THE MOMENT, THEIR GREATEST CONCERN IS THEIR MEAT EXPORTS TO THE US AND THEIR HELPLESSNESS IN COMPETING WITH AUSTRALIA FOR US ATTENTION IN NEGOTIATING THE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES -- NONE SENT TODAY.

- L MONROE LEIGH
- --I CONFERRED WITH HABIB AND HUMMEL ON KOREAN CIA INVESTIGATION.
- --I RECEIVED A CALL FROM FORMER SENATOR GOODELL REPRESENTING FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN CONCORDE MATTER. HE REPORTED THAT DESPITE PRIOR AGREEMENTS BY PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK TO REACH ITS FINAL DECISION DECEMBER 10, THE PORT AUTHORITY NOW WANTS TWO MONTHS EXTENSION. THIS HAS BEEN REFUSED AND ACCORDINGLY THE CASE WILL GO TO TRIAL IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 17. IT IS PROBABLE, ACCORDING TO GOODELL, THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS WILL PRESS STATE DEPARTMENT TO INTERVENE IN THE SUIT--A STEP WE HAVE REFUSED CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE PAST.

- --ALDRICH DISCUSSED WITH ATHERTON THE QUESTION OF OUR POSITION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARAB BOYCOTT ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES. WE HOPE TO SEND A LETTER STATING OUR POLICY TO THE FCC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- --FELDMAN REVIEWED AND REVISED A MEMORANDUM TO THE NSC ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 200-MILE BILL ON MARCH 1. WE ARE SEEKINGINTERAGENCY AGREEMENT THAT VESSELS OF FOREIGN STATES THAT HAVE SIGNED FISHING AGREEMENTS STILL PENDING CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ON MARCH 1 CAN BE ALLOWED TO FISH TEMPORARILY WITHOUT A PERMIT PROVIDED THEY OTHERWISE COMPLY WITH U.S. REGULATIONS.

--FELDMAN REVIEWED AND REVISED U.S. POSITION PAPER FOR THE U.N. WORKING GROUP ON A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNCS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES; NONE.

EA - ARTHUR W. HUMMEL, JR.

SINGAPOREAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS. TODAY I ATTENDED THE WHITE HOUSE CREDENTIALS CEREMONY FOR AMBASSADOR COOMARASWAMY OF SINGAPORE.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NEGATIVE.

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AF - TALCOTT W. SEELYE, ACTING

MALI - THE NEW MALIAN AMBASSADOR PAID A COURTESY CALL TODAY. HE SAID THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD IMPROVE. I NOTED THAT WE HAD OFTEN BEEN IN DISAGREEMENT AT THE UN AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS SITUATION WOULD SOON CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

GUINEA - THE GUINEAN AMBASSADOR CAME IN TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PL-480 AGREEMENT WHICH WE SIGNED WITH THE GOG IN SEPTEMBER. I TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN GUINEA. I SAID THAT IN ANY CASE WE WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE A GUINEAN DELEGATION EARLY NEXT YEAR TO DISCUSS OUR REGULAR PL-480 PROGRAM.

TOMORROW - I SHALL ATTEND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES - NONE.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

CYPRUS. I HAD LUNCH WITH DIMITRIOU TODAY AND TOOK
THE LINE THAT BILL CRAWFORD HAD TAKEN EARLIER IN THE DAY
WITH MAKARIOS. DIMITRIOU'S EXPLANATIONS WERE LAME, BUT
HE DID ADMIT THAT WE HAD BEEN PROCEEDING WITH THIS EXERCISE IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST TO BE HELPFUL. HE
SAID HE HAD BEEN CAUTIONING HIS PEOPLE NOT TO EXPECT
MIRACLES FROM A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIONS HERE. I ALSO
TOLD HIM WE EXPECT EARLY ACTION ON INDICTING DAVIES'

MURDERERS NOW THAT THE INVESTIGATION APPEARS TO BE COMPLETED.

CSCE COMMISSION. I TALKED WITH DANTE FASCELL BY PHONE AND AGREED TO MEET WITH HIM NEXT WEEK WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TO GET HIS IMPRESSIONS ON THEIR EUROPEAN TRIP AND TO SEE WHAT HE HAS IN MIND FOR NEXT STEPS.

CZECH CLAIMS. JACK ARMITAGE LUNCHED WITH CZECHO-SLOVAK AMBASSADOR JOHANNES BEFORE THE LATTER'S RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR CONSULTATION. ARMITAGE STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIMS ISSUE WHICH DAVID SCOTT (ALLIS CHALMERS PRESIDENT) HAD CONVEYED UN-OFFICIALLY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKS AFTER CHECKING WITH SENATOR LONG WAS THE BEST WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE LIKELY TO GET--AND SUGGESTED JOHANNES URGE HIS GOVERNMENT TO BE PRAGMATIC IN ASSESSING ITS FURTHER RESPONSE. HE TRIED TO DISABUSE JOHANNES OF ANY NOTION THAT OUR (READ CONFIDENTIAL

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LONG'S) TERMS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIMS ISSUE WERE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION.

ACTION ITEMS ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

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